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Jewiſh *nation or religion, but are equally pertinent to the chriſtian ſtate; that ſo when we ſing the words of the Pſalmiſt, we may make them our own, and join in the ſenſe and ſpirit of them.*

They are moſt of them taken from the New Verſion of Mr. Tate *and Dr.* Brady. *Thoſe few that are retained of the Old, are here printed as they are corrected for the Uſe of St.* James's, Weſtminſter. *I have added a table of pſalms for particular occaſions, and of ſuch tunes to the ſeveral pſalms as ſeem beſt adapted to the ſenſe the of words.*

This is certainly a noble part of our publick Worſhip; let us therefore endeavour to perform it in the beſt manner we can.

N. B. *The pſalms, which are deſigned only for particular occaſions, are marked thus.* *

SELECT PORTIONS
OF THE SINGING
PSALMS.

PSALM 1. Verſes 1, 2, 3, 6.

HOW bleſs'd is he, who ne'er conſents
By ill advice to walk;
Nor ſtands in ſinners ways, nor ſits
Where men profanely talk:

2. But makes the perfect law of God
His buſineſs and delight;
Devoutly reads therein by day,
And meditates by night.

3. Like ſome fair tree, which fed by ſtreams
With timely fruit doth bend;
He ſtill ſhall flouriſh, and ſucceſs
All his deſigns attend.

4. For God approves the juſt man's ways,
To happineſs they tend:
But ſinners, and the paths they tread,
Shall both in ruin end.

Psalm iv. 4, 5, 6, 8.

STand ye in awe of God's commands,
Flee ev'ry thing that's ill;
Commune in private with your hearts,
And bend them to his will.

2. The place of other ſacrifice
Let righteouſneſs ſupply;
And let your hope ſecurely fix'd,
On God alone rely.

3. While worldly minds impatient grow
More proſp'rous times to ſee;
Still let the glories of thy face
Shine brightly, Lord, on me.

4. So down in peace I 'll lay my head,
And take my needful reſt:
No other guard, O Lord, I crave,
Of thy defence poſſeſt.

Psalm viii. 1—4.

O Lord our God, how wonderful
Is ev'ry where thy name;
Thy glory thou haſt ſet above
The heav'ns curious frame.

2. Ev'n by the mouth of ſucking babes
Thou wilt confound thy foes;
For in thoſe babes thy might is ſeen,
Thy graces they diſcloſe.

3. And when I ſee the heav'ns above,
The work of thine own hand;
The ſun, the moon, and all the ſtars,
In order as they ſtand:

4. Lord, what is man, that thou of him
Tak'ſt ſuch abundant care?
Or what the ſon of man, whom thou
To viſit doſt not ſpare?

PSALM XV. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

LORD, who is he, that happy man,
Whom thou ſo well doſt love;
That he may praiſe thee here below,
And dwell with thee above?

2. 'Tis he whoſe ev'ry thought and deed
By rules of virtue moves;
Whoſe gen'rous tongue diſdains to ſpeak
The thing his heart diſproves.

3. Who never did a ſlander forge
His neighbour's fame to wound,
Nor hearken to a falſe report
By malice whiſper'd round.

4. Who to his plighted vows and truſt
Hath ever firmly ſtood;
And though he promiſe to his loſs,
Yet makes his promiſe good.

5. The man who by this ſteady courſe
Hath happineſs enſur'd,
When earth's foundation ſhakes, ſhall ſtand
By providence ſecur'd.

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* PSALM XVI. 7——11.

MY ſoul ſhall ever bleſs the Lord,
Whoſe precepts give me light;
And private counſel ſtill afford
In ſorrow's diſmal night.

2. I ſtrive each action to approve
To his all-ſeeing eye;
No danger ſhall my hopes remove,
Becauſe he ſtill is nigh.

3. Therefore my heart all grief defies,
My glory ſhall rejoice;
My fleſh ſhall reſt in hope to riſe,
Wak'd by his pow'rful voice.

4. Thou, Lord, when I reſign my breath,
My ſoul from hell ſhalt free;
Nor let thy holy one in death,
The leaſt corruption ſee.

5. Thou ſhalt the paths of life diſplay,
That to thy preſence lead;
Where pleaſures dwell without allay,
And joys that never fade.

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PSALM XVIII. 1, 2, 25, 26.

NO change of times ſhall ever ſhock
My firm affection, Lord, to thee;
For thou haſt always been my rock,
A fortreſs and defence to me.

2. Thou my deliv'rer art, my God,
My truſt is in thy mighty pow'r:
Thou art my ſhield from foes abroad,
At home my ſafeguard and my tow'r.

3. Thou ſuit'ſt, O Lord, thy righteous [ways
To various paths of human kind;
They who for mercy merit praiſe,
With thee ſhall wondrous mercy find.

4. Thou to the juſt ſhalt juſtice ſhew,
The pure thy purity ſhall ſee;
Such as perverſely chuſe to go,
Shall meet with due returns from thee.

PSALM XIX. 1——4.

THE heav'ns declare thy glory, Lord,
Which that alone can fill;
The firmament and ſtars expreſs
Their great creator's ſkill.

2. The dawn of each returning day
Freſh beams of knowledge brings;
And from the dark returns of night
Divine inſtruction ſprings.

3. Their pow'rful language to no realm
Or region is confin'd;
'Tis nature's voice, and underſtood
Alike by all mankind.

4. Their doctrine doth its ſacred ſenſe
Through earth's extent diſplay;
Its bright contents the circling ſun
Doth round the world convey.

PSALM XXIII. 1, 2, 3, 6.

THE Lord himſelf, the mighty Lord,
Vouchſafes to be my guide;
The ſhepherd by whoſe conſtant care
My wants are all ſupply'd.

2. In paſtures fair he makes me feed,
And gently to repoſe;
Then leads me to the ſhades, and where
Refreſhing water flows.

3. He doth my wand'ring ſoul reclaim;
And, to his endleſs praiſe,
Inſtruct with humble zeal to walk
In his moſt righteous ways.

4. Since God doth thus his wondrous love
Through all my life extend;
That life to him I will devote,
And in his temple ſpend.

PSALM XXIV. 1, 3, 4, 5.

THIS ſpacious earth is all the Lord's,
The Lord's her fulneſs is;
The world, and they that dwell therein,
By ſov'reign right are his.

2. But for himſelf this Lord of all
One choſen ſeat deſign'd,
O who ſhall to that ſacred hill
Deſir'd admittance find!

3. The man whoſe hands and heart are [pure,
Whoſe thoughts from pride are free;
Who honeſt poverty prefers
To gainful perjury.

4. This, this is he on whom the Lord
Shall ſhow'r his bleſſings down;
Whom God his Saviour ſhall vouchſafe
With righteouſneſs to crown.

PSALM XXV. 6——9.

THY mercies and thy love,
O Lord, recall to mind;
And graciouſly continue ſtill,
As thou wert ever kind.

2. Let all my youthful crimes
Be blotted out by thee;
And for thy wondrous goodneſs ſake,
In mercy think on me.

3. His mercy and his truth
The righteous Lord diſplays,
In bringing wand'ring ſinners home,
And teaching them his ways.

4. He thoſe in juſtice guides,
Who his direction ſeek;
And in his ſacred paths ſhall lead
The humble and the meek.

PSALM XXXIII. 1, 4, 6, 11.

LET all the juſt to God with joy
Their chearful voices raiſe;
For well the righteous it becomes,
To ſing glad ſongs of praiſe.

2. Moſt faithful is the word of God,
His works with truth abound;
He juſtice loves, and all the earth
Is with his goodneſs crown'd.

3. By his almighty word at firſt
The heav'nly arch was rear'd,
And all the beauteous hoſt of light
At his command appear'd.

4. Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees,
Shall ſtand for ever ſure;
The ſettled purpoſe of his heart
To ages ſhall endure.

PSALM XXXIV. Part I. 1, 2, 8, 9.

THrough all the changing ſcenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praiſes of my God ſhall ſtill
My heart and tongue employ.

2. Of his deliv'rance I will boaſt,
'Till all that are diſtreſt,
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to reſt.

3. O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide,
How bleſt they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

4. Fear him, ye ſaints, and ye will then
Have nothing elſe to fear:
Make ye his ſervice your delight,
Your wants will be his care.

PSAL. XXXIV. Part II. 15, 16, 17, 22.

THE Lord from heav'n beholds the juſt
With favourable eyes;
And, when diſtreſt, his gracious ear
Is open to their cries.

2. But turns his wrathful look on thoſe,
Whom mercy can't reclaim;
To cut them off, and from the earth
Blot out their hated name.

3. Deliv'rance to his ſaints he gives,
When his relief they crave:
He's nigh to heal the broken heart,
And contrite ſpirits ſave.

4. He will preſerve the ſouls of thoſe,
Who on his truth depend:
To them and their poſterity
His bleſſings ſhall deſcend.

PSALM XXXVII. 1——6.

THO' wicked men grow rich or great,
Yet let not their ſucceſsful ſtate
Thy anger or thy envy raiſe:
For they cut down like tender graſs,
Or like young flow'rs away ſhall paſs,
Whoſe blooming beauty ſoon decays.

2. Depend on God, and him obey,
So thou within the land ſhalt ſtay,
Secure from danger and from want.
Make his commands thy chief delight,
And he thy duty to requite,
Shall all thy earneſt wiſhes grant.

3. In all thy ways truſt thou the Lord,
And he will needful help afford
To perfect every juſt deſign:
And make, like light ſerene and clear,
Thy clouded innocence appear,
And as the mid-day ſun to ſhine.

PSALM XLI. 1, 2, 3, 13.

HAPPY the man, whoſe tender care
Relieves the poor diſtreſt:
When troubles compaſs him around,
The Lord ſhall give him reſt.

2. The Lord his life, with bleſſings crown'd,
In ſafety ſhall prolong;
And diſappoint the will of thoſe,
Who ſeek to do him wrong.

3. If he in languiſhing eſtate
Oppreſs'd with ſickneſs lie,
The Lord ſhall eaſy make his bed,
And inward ſtrength ſupply.

4. Let therefore *Iſrael*'s Lord and God
From age to age be bleſt,
And all the people's glad applauſe
With loud amens expreſt.

PSALM XLIX. 6——10.

THoſe men that all their hope and truſt
In heaps of treaſure place,
And boaſt and triumph when they ſee
Their ill-got wealth increaſe,

2. Are yet unable from the grave
Their deareſt friends to free;
Nor can by force of bribes reverſe
Th' almighty Lord's decree.

3. Their vain endeavours they muſt quit
The price is held too high:
No ſums can purchaſe ſuch a grant,
That man ſhould never die.

4. Nor wiſdom can the wiſe exempt,
Nor fools their folly ſave;
But both muſt periſh, and in death
Their wealth to others leave.

PSALM LI. 1, 2, 3, 11, 12.

HAVE mercy, Lord, on me,
As thou wert ever kind;
Let me oppreſs'd with loads of guilt
Thy wonted mercy find.

2. Waſh off my foul offence,
And cleanſe me from my ſin;
For I confeſs my crime, and ſee
How great my guilt hath been.

3. Withdraw not thou thyſelf,
Nor caſt me from thy ſight;
Nor let thy holy ſpirit take
His everlaſting flight.

4. The joy thy favour gives,
Let me again obtain:
Let thy free ſpirit's firm ſupport
My fainting ſoul ſuſtain.

PSALM LVII. 7——11.

O God my heart is fix'd and bent,
It's faithful tribute to preſent;
And with my heart my voice I'll raiſe
To thee, my God, in ſongs of praiſe.

2. Awake, my glory, harp and lute,
No longer let your ſtrings be mute;
And I my tuneful part to take,
Will with the early dawn awake.

3. Thy praiſes, Lord, I will reſound
To all the liſt'ning nations round:
Thy mercy higheſt heav'n tranſcends,
Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

4. Be thou, O God, exalted high:
And as thy glory fills the ſky,
So let it be on earth diſplay'd,
Till thou art here, as there, obey'd.

PSALM LXIII. 1——7.

O God, my gracious God, to thee
My morning pray'rs ſhall offer'd be:
For thee my thirſty ſoul doth pant.
My fainting fleſh implores thy grace
Within this dry and barren place,
Where I refreſhing waters want.

2. My life, while I that life enjoy,
In bleſſing God I will employ,
With lifted hands adore his name.
My ſoul's content ſhall be as great
As their's who choiceſt dainties eat,
While I with joy his praiſe proclaim.

3. When down I lie ſweet ſleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art preſent to my mind,
And when I wake in dead of night;
Becauſe thou ſtill doſt ſuccour bring,
Beneath the ſhadow of thy wing
I reſt with ſafety and delight.

PSALM LXVII. 1——4.

TO bleſs thy choſen race,
In mercy, Lord, incline;
And cauſe the brightneſs of thy face
On all thy ſaints to ſhine.

2. That ſo thy wondrous ways
May through the earth be known;
Whilſt diſtant lands their tribute pay,
And thy ſalvation own.

3. Let diff'ring nations join
To celebrate thy fame:
Let all the world, O Lord, combine
To praiſe thy glorious name.

4. Let them rejoice and ſing
To thee with pious mirth;
For thou the righteous judge and king
Doſt govern all the earth.

PSALM LXXIV. 1, 2, 3, 15, 17.

IN thee I put my ſtedfaſt truſt,
Defend me, Lord, from ſhame:
Incline thine ear, and ſave my ſoul,
For righteous is thy name.

2. Be thou my ſtrong abiding place
To which I may reſort;
'Tis thy decree that keeps me ſafe,
Thou art my rock and fort.

3. Thy righteous acts and ſaving health
My mouth ſhall ſtill declare;
Unable yet to count them all,
Though ſumm'd with utmoſt care.

4. Thou, Lord, haſt taught me from my [youth
To praiſe thy glorious name;
And ever ſince thy wondrous works
Have been my conſtant theme.

PSALM LXXXIV. 4, 5, 10, 12.

O Lord of Hoſts, my King and God,
How highly bleſt are they,
Who in thy temple always dwell,
And there thy praiſe diſplay.

2. Thrice happy they, whoſe choice hath [thee
Their ſure protection made;
Who love to tread the ſacred ways
That to thy dwelling lead.

3. Within thy courts one ſingle day
'Tis better to attend,
Than in the tents of wickedneſs
A thouſand days to ſpend.

4. Thou, God, whom heav'nly hoſts obey;
How highly bleſt is he,
Whoſe hope and truſt ſecurely plac'd
Is ſtill repos'd on thee.

PSALM LXXXVI. 11, 12, 13, 15.

TEach me thy ways, O Lord, and I
From truth ſhall ne'er depart:
In rev'rence to thy ſacred name
Devoutly fix my heart.

2. Thee will I praiſe, O Lord my God;
With heart and voice ſincere;
And to thy everlaſting name
Eternal trophies rear.

3. Thy boundleſs mercy ſhewn to me
Tranſcends my pow'r to tell;
For thou haſt oft redeem'd my ſoul
From loweſt depths of hell.

4. Thy bounteous goodneſs always did
To me aſſiſtance bring;
O thou, of patience, mercy, truth,
The everlaſting ſpring.

PSALM XC. 3, 5, 6, 12.

THOU turneſt man, O Lord, to duſt,
Of which he firſt was made;
And when thou ſpeak'ſt the word, *return*,
'Tis inſtantly obey'd.

2. Thou ſweep'ſt us off as with a flood,
We vaniſh hence like dreams;
At firſt we grow like graſs that feels
The ſun's reviving beams:

3. But howſoever freſh and fair
It's morning beauty ſhows,
'Tis all cut down and wither'd quite
Before the evening cloſe.

4. So teach us, Lord, th' uncertain ſum
Of our ſhort days to mind,
That to true wiſdom all our hearts
May ever be inclin'd.

PSALM XCIII.

WIth glory clad, with ſtrength array'd,
The Lord that o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundation ſtrongly laid,
And the vaſt fabrick ſtill ſuſtains.

2. How ſure eſtabliſh'd is thy throne,
Which ſhall no change or period ſee;
For thou, O Lord, and thou alone,
Art God from all eternity.

3, 4. The floods, O Lord, lift up their [voice,
And toſs the troubled waves on high;
But God above can ſtill their noiſe,
And make the angry ſea comply.

5. Thy promiſe, Lord, is ever ſure;
And they that in thy houſe would dwell,
That happy ſtation to ſecure,
Muſt ſtill in holineſs excel.

PSALM XCIV. 12——15.

BLeſt is the man whom thou, O Lord,
In kindneſs doſt chaſtiſe;
And by thy ſacred rules to walk,
Doſt lovingly adviſe.

2. This man ſhall reſt and ſafety find
In ſeaſons of diſtreſs,
Whilſt God prepares a pit for thoſe
Who ſtubbornly tranſgreſs.

3. For God will never from his ſaints
His favour wholly take:
His own poſſeſſion and his lot
He will not quite forſake.

4. The world ſhall then confeſs thee juſt,
In all that thou haſt done;
And thoſe that chuſe thy upright ways,
Shall in thoſe ways go on.

PSALM XCV. 1, 2, 3, 6.

O Come, loud anthems let us ſing,
Loud thanks to our almighty king;
For we our voices high ſhould raiſe,
When our ſalvation's rock we praiſe.

2. Into his preſence let us haſte,
To thank him for his favours paſt;
To him addreſs in joyful ſongs,
The praiſe that to his name belongs.

3. For God the Lord enthron'd in ſtate,
Is with unrivall'd glory great;
A king ſuperior far to all
Whom gods the heathen falſly call.

4. O let us to his courts repair,
And bow with adoration there;
Down on our knees devoutly all
Before our Lord and maker fall.

Psalm C.

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with chearful voice;
Him ſerve with fear, his praiſe forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

2. The Lord, ye know is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his ſheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praiſe,
And let his courts with joy reſound:
Praiſe, thank, and bleſs our God always,
With glory let his name be crown'd.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever ſure;
His truth at all times firmly ſtood,
And ſhall from age to age endure.

PSALM CIV. 1——4.

BLeſs God, my ſoul; thou, Lord, alone,
Poſſeſſeſt empires without bounds:
With honour thou art crown'd, thy throne
Eternal Majeſty ſurrounds.

2. With light thou doſt thyſelf enrobe,
And glory for a garment take;
Heav'n's curtains ſtretch beyond the globe
Thy canopy of ſtate to make.

3. God builds on liquid air, and forms
His palace chambers in the ſkies;
The clouds his chariot are, and ſtorms
The ſwift-wing'd ſteeds with which he flies.

4. As bright as flame, as ſwift as wind,
His miniſters heav'n's palace fill,
To have their ſundry taſks aſſign'd;
All proud to ſerve their ſov'reign's will.

PSALM CVIII. 1——4.

O God, my heart is fully bent
To magnify thy name:
My tongue with chearful ſongs of praiſe
Shall celebrate thy fame.

2. Awake my lute, nor thou my harp
Thy tuneful notes delay;
Whilſt I with early hymns of joy
Prevent the dawning day.

3. To all the liſt'ning tribes, O Lord,
Thy wonders I will tell;
And to thoſe nations ſing thy praiſe,
That round about us dwell.

4. Becauſe thy mercy's boundleſs height
The higheſt heav'n tranſcends;
And far above th' aſpiring clouds
Thy faithful truth extends.

PSALM CXI. 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10.

PRaiſe ye the Lord; our God to praiſe,
My ſoul her utmoſt pow'r ſhall raiſe;
His bounty like a flowing tide,
Hath all his ſervants wants ſupply'd.

2. Juſt are the dealings of his hands,
Immutable are his commands;
By truth and equity ſuſtain'd,
And for eternal rules ordain'd.

3. He ſet his ſaints from bondage free;
With them eſtabliſh'd his decree,
For ever to remain the ſame:
Holy and rev'rend is his name.

4. Who wiſdom's ſacred prize would win,
Muſt with the fear of God begin;
Immortal praiſe and heav'nly ſkill
Have they who know and do his will.

PSALM CXII. 1, 2, 6, 9, 10.

THAT man is bleſt who ſtands in awe
Of God, and loves his ſacred law;
His ſeed on earth ſhall be renown'd,
And with ſucceſſive honours crown'd.

2. His juſtice, free from all decay,
Shall bleſſings to his heirs convey;
The ſweet remembrance of the juſt
Shall flouriſh when he ſleeps in duſt.

3. His hands while they his alms beſtow'd,
His glory's future harveſt ſow'd;
Whence he ſhall reap wealth, fame, renown,
A temp'ral and eternal crown.

4. The wicked ſhall his triumph ſee,
And gnaſh their teeth in agony;
While their unrighteous hopes decay,
And vaniſh with themſelves away.

PSALM CXIII. 1——6.

YE ſaints and ſervants of the Lord,
The triumphs of his name record,
His ſacred name for ever bleſs;
Where e'er the circling ſun diſplays
His riſing beams, or ſetting rays,
Due praiſe to his great name addreſs.

2. God thro' the world extends his ſway,
The regions of eternal day
But ſhadows of his glory are:
With him whoſe majeſty excels,
Who made the heav'n in which he dwells,
Let no created pow'r compare.

3. Though 'tis beneath his ſtate to view
In higheſt heav'n what angels do,
Yet he to earth vouchſafes his care;
He takes the needy from his cell,
Advancing him in courts to dwell,
Companion to the greateſt there.

PSALM CXVI. 1, 2, 8, 9.

MY ſoul with grateful thoughts of love
Entirely is poſſeſs'd;
Becauſe the Lord vouchſaf'd to hear
The voice of my requeſt.

2. Since he hath now his ear inclin'd,
I never will deſpair;
But ſtill in all the ſtraits of life
To him addreſs my prayer.

3. When death alarm'd me, he remov'd
My dangers and my fears;
My feet from falling he ſecur'd,
And dried my eyes from tears.

4. Therefore my life's remaining years,
Which God to me ſhall lend,
Will I in praiſes to his name,
And in his ſervice ſpend.

PSALM CXVII.

WITH chearful notes let all the earth
To heav'n their voices raiſe:
Let all inſpir'd with godly mirth
Sing ſolemn hymns of praiſe.

2. God's tender mercy knows no bounds,
His truth ſhall ne'er decay:
Then let the willing nations round
Their grateful tribute pay.

Gloria Patri.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And ſhall be evermore.

PSALM CXVIII. Part I. 1, 5, 6, 9.

O Praiſe the Lord, for he is good,
His mercies ne'er decay;
That his kind favours ever laſt,
May thankful *Iſrael* ſay.

2. To God I made my humble moan,
With troubles quite oppreſt;
And he releas'd me from my ſtraits,
And granted my requeſt.

3. Since therefore God doth on my ſide
So graciouſly appear,
Why ſhould the vain attempts of man
Poſſeſs my ſoul with fear?

4. Far better 'tis to truſt in God,
And have the Lord our friend,
Than on the greateſt human pow'r
For ſafety to depend.

PSALM CXVIII. Part II. 19—25.

OPEN ye wide the temple gates,
To which the juſt repair,
That I may enter in and praiſe
My great deliv'rer there.

2. Within thoſe gates of God's abode,
To which the righteous preſs,
Since thou haſt heard, and ſet me ſafe,
Thy holy name I'll bleſs.

3. That which the builders once refus'd,
Is now the corner ſtone:
This is the wondrous work of God,
The work of God alone.

4. This day is God's, let all the land
Exalt their chearful voice:
Lord, we beſeech thee, ſave us now,
And make us ſtill rejoice.

PSALM CXIX. Part I. 1——4.

HOW bleſt are they who always keep
Thy pure and perfect way;
Who never from the ſacred paths
Of God's commandments ſtray.

2. How bleſt, who to his righteous laws
Have ſtill obedient been,
And have with fervent humble zeal
His favour ſought to win.

3. Such men their utmoſt caution uſe,
To ſhun each wicked deed;
But in the path which he directs,
With conſtant care proceed.

4. Thou ſtrictly haſt enjoin'd us, Lord,
To learn thy ſacred will;
And all our diligence employ,
Thy ſtatutes to fulfill.

PSALM CXIX. Part II. 4——7.

THOU ſtrictly haſt enjoin'd us, Lord,
To learn thy ſacred will;
And all our diligence employ
Thy ſtatutes to fulfill.

2. O then that thy moſt holy will
Might o'er my ways preſide,
And I the courſe of all my life
By thy directions guide.

3. Then with aſſurance ſhould I walk
From all confuſion free;
Convinc'd with joy that all my ways
With thy commands agree.

4. My upright heart ſhall my glad mouth
With chearful praiſes fill,
When by thy righteous judgments taught,
I ſhall have learn'd thy will.

PSALM CXIX. Part III. 33—37.

INſtruct me in thy ſtatutes, Lord,
Thy righteous paths diſplay,
And I from them through all my life
Will never go aſtray.

2. If thou true wiſdom from above
Wilt graciouſly impart,
To keep thy perfect laws I will
Devote my zealous heart.

3. Do thou to thy moſt juſt commands
Incline my willing heart;
Let no deſire of worldly wealth
From thee my thoughts divert.

4. From thoſe vain objects turn mine eyes,
Which this falſe world diſplays;
But give me lively pow'r and ſtrength
To keep thy righteous ways.

PSALM CXIX. Part IV. 41, 44, 45, 47.

THY conſtant bleſſing, Lord, beſtow,
To chear my drooping heart:
To me according to thy word,
Thy ſaving health impart.

2. So I to keep thy righteous laws
Will all my ſtudy bend;
From age to age my time to come,
In their obſervance ſpend.

3. E'er long I truſt to walk at large,
From all incumbrance free,
Since I reſolve to make my life
With thy commands agree.

4. My longing heart and raviſh'd ſoul
Shall both o'erflow with joy,
When in thy lov'd commandments I
My happy hours employ.

PSALM CXIX. Part V. 57—60.

O Lord my God, my portion thou,
And ſure poſſeſſion art;
Thy words I ſtedfaſtly reſolve
To treaſure in my heart.

2. With all the ſtrength of warm deſire
I did thy grace implore;
Diſcloſe according to thy word
Thy mercy's boundleſs ſtore.

3. With due reflection and ſtrict care
On all my ways I thought,
And ſo reclaim'd to thy juſt paths
My wandring ſteps I brought.

4. I left no time, to execute
Thy will made no delay;
Reſolv'd from henceforth never more
From thy commands to ſtray.

PSALM CXIX. Part VI. 67—71.

BEFORE affliction ſtopp'd my courſe,
My footſteps went aſtray;
But I have ſince been diſciplin'd
Thy precepts to obey.

2. Thou art, O Lord, ſupremely good,
And all thou do'ſt is ſo;
On me thy ſtatutes to diſcern,
Thy ſaving ſkill beſtow.

3. While others ſwoln with proſp'rous ills
In ſenſual pleaſures live,
My ſoul can reliſh no delight
But what thy precepts give.

4. 'Tis good for me that I have felt
Affliction's chaſt'ning rod,
That I might duly learn and keep
The ſtatutes of my God.

PSALM CXXI. 5——9.

SHelter'd beneath th' almighty's wings
My ſoul ſecurely reſt:
There neither ſun nor moon ſhall thee
By day or night moleſt.

2. From common accidents of life
His care ſhall guard thee ſtill;
From the blind ſtrokes of chance, and foes
That lie in wait to kill.

3. At home, abroad, in peace, in war,
Thy God ſhall thee defend;
Conduct thee through life's pilgrimage
Safe to thy journey's end.

* PSALM CXXIV.

HAD not the Lord, may *Iſrael* ſay,
Been pleas'd to interpoſe;
Had he not then eſpous'd our cauſe,
When men againſt us roſe:

2. Their wrath had ſwallowed us alive,
And rag'd without controul;
Their ſpite and pride's united floods,
Had quite o'erwhelm'd our ſoul.

3. But prais'd be our eternal Lord,
Who reſcu'd us that day;
Nor to their ſavage laws gave up
Our threaten'd lives a prey.

4. Our ſoul is like a bird eſcap'd
From out the fowler's net;
The ſnare is broke, their hopes are croſs'd,
And we at freedom ſet.

5. Secure in his almighty name,
Our confidence remains;
Who, as he made both heav'n and earth,
Of both ſole monarch reigns.

PSALM CXXX. 5——8.

MY ſoul with patience waits
For thee the living Lord;
My hopes are on thy promiſe built,
Thy never failing word.

2. My longing eyes look out
For thy enliv'ning ray,
More duly than the morning watch
To ſpy the dawning day.

3. Let *Iſr'el* truſt in God,
No bounds his mercy knows;
The plenteous ſource and ſpring from whence
Eternal ſuccour flows:

4. Whoſe friendly ſtreams to us
Supplies in want convey;
A healing ſpring, a ſpring to cleanſe
And waſh our guilt away.

PSALM CXXXVI. 1——5.

TO God the mighty Lord
Your joyful thanks repeat,
To him due praiſe afford,
As good as he is great.
For God doth prove
Our conſtant friend,
His boundleſs love
Shall never end.

2. To him whoſe wondrous pow'r
All other Gods obey,
Whom earthly kings adore,
This grateful homage pay.
For God doth prove
Our conſtant friend,
His boundleſs love
Shall never end.

3. By his almighty hand
Amazing works are wrought;
The heav'ns by his command
Were to perfection brought;
For God doth prove
Our conſtant friend,
His boundleſs love
Shall never end.

PSALM CXXXIX. Part I. 1——7.

THOU, Lord, by ſtricteſt ſearch haſt [known
My riſing up, and lying down,
My ſecret thoughts are known to thee,
Known long before conceiv'd by me.

2. Thine eye my bed and path ſurveys,
My publick haunts and private ways;
Thou know'ſt what 'tis my lips wou'd vent,
My yet unutter'd words intent.

3. Surrounded by thy pow'r I ſtand,
On ev'ry ſide I find thy hand:
O ſkill for human reach too high
Too dazzling bright for mortal eye!

4. O could I ſo perfidious be,
To think of once deſerting thee;
Where Lord could I thy influence ſhun?
Or whither from thy preſence run?

PSALM CXXXIX. Part II. 7—12.

O Could I ſo perfidious be,
To think of once deſerting thee;
Where, Lord, could I thy influence ſhun?
Or whither from thy preſence run?

2. If up to heav'n I take my flight,
'Tis there thou dwell'ſt enthron'd in light:
If down to hell's infernal plains,
'Tis there almighty vengeance reigns.

3. If I the morning wings could gain,
And fly beyond the weſtern main;
Thy ſwifter hand would firſt arrive,
And there arreſt thy fugitive.

4. Or ſhould I try to ſhun thy ſight
Beneath the ſable wings of night;
One glance from thee, one piercing ray,
Would kindle darkneſs into day.

5. The veil of night is no diſguiſe,
No ſcreen from thy all-ſearching eyes;
'Thro' midnight ſhades thou find'ſt thy way,
As in the blazing noon of day.

PSALM CXXXIX. Part III. 13, 14, 17, 18, 23.

THOU know'ſt the texture of my heart,
My reins and ev'ry vital part;
Each ſingle thread in nature's loom
Thou, Lord, didſt cover in the womb.

2. I'll praiſe thee from whoſe hands I came
A work of ſuch a curious frame;
The wonders thou in me haſt ſhewn,
My ſoul with grateful joy ſhall own.

3. Let me acknowledge too, O God,
That ſince this maze of life I trod,
Thy thoughts of love to me ſurmount
The pow'r of numbers to recount.

4. Far ſooner could I reckon o'er
The ſands upon the ocean's ſhore:
Each morn reviſing what I've done,
I find th' account but new begun.

5. Search thou, O God, my thoughts and heart;
If miſchief lurks in any part,
Correct me where I go aſtray,
And guide me in the perfect way.

PSALM

PSALM CXLV. 8——13.

THE Lord is good, freſh acts of grace
His pity ſtill ſupplies;
His anger moves with ſloweſt pace,
His willing mercy flies.

2. Thy love thro' earth extends its fame,
To all thy works expreſt;
Theſe ſhew thy praiſe, while thy great name
Is by thy ſervants bleſt.

3. They with the glorious proſpect fir'd,
Shall of thy kingdom ſpeak;
And thy great pow'r by all admir'd,
Their lofty ſubject make.

4. God's glorious works of ancient date
Shall thus to all be known;
And thus his kingdom's royal ſtate
With publick ſplendor ſhown.

5. His ſtedfaſt throne from changes free,
Shall ſtand for ever faſt;
His boundleſs ſway no end ſhall ſee,
But time itſelf outlaſt.

Psalm cxlvi. Part I. 1——5.

O Praiſe the Lord, and thou my ſoul,
For ever bleſs his name;
His wondrous love, while life ſhall laſt,
My conſtant praiſe ſhall claim.

2. On kings, the greateſt ſons of men,
Let none for aid rely;
They cannot ſave in dang'rous times,
Nor timely help ſupply.

3. Depriv'd of breath to duſt they turn,
And there neglected lie,
And all their thoughts and vain deſigns
Together with them die.

4. Then happy he who *Jacob*'s God
For his protector takes;
Who ſtill with well plac'd hope the Lord
His conſtant refuge makes.

PSALM CXLVI. Part II. 6——10.

THE Lord who made both heav'n and earth,
And all that they contain;
Will never quit his ſtedfaſt truth,
Nor make his promiſe vain.

2. The poor oppreſs'd from all their wrongs
Are eas'd by his decree;
He gives the hungry needful food,
And ſets the pris'ners free.

3. By him the blind receive their ſight,
The weak and fall'n he rears;
With kind regard and tender love
He for the righteous cares.

4. The ſtranger he preſerves from harm,
The orphan kindly treats;
Defends the widow, and the wiles
Of wicked men defeats.

5. The God that doth in Sion dwell,
Is our eternal king:
From age to age his reign endures,
Let all his praiſes ſing.

PSALM CXLVIII. 1——6.

YE boundleſs realms of joy,
Exalt your maker's fame;
His praiſe your ſong employ
Above the ſtarry frame:
Your voices raiſe,
Ye cherubim,
And ſeraphim,
To ſing his praiſe.

2. Thou moon that rul'ſt the night,
And ſun that guid'ſt the day,
Ye glitt'ring ſtars of light,
To him your homage pay.
His praiſe declare,
Ye heav'ns above,
And clouds that move
In liquid air.

3. Let them adore the Lord,
And praiſe his holy name,
By whoſe almighty word
They all from nothing came:
And all ſhall laſt
From changes free;
His firm decree
Stands ever faſt.

PSALM CL. 1, 2, 6.

O Praiſe the Lord in that bleſt place,
From whence his goodneſs largely flows
Praiſe him in heav'n, where he his face
Unveil'd in perfect glory ſhews.

2. Praiſe him on earth, for all the acts
Which he in our behalf hath done:
His kindneſs this return exacts,
With which our praiſe ſhall equal run.

3. Let all that vital breath enjoy,
The breath he doth to them afford,
In juſt returns of praiſe employ:
Let ev'ry creature praiſe the Lord.

GLORIA

GLORIA PATRI.

Common Meaſure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And ſhall be evermore.

Long Meaſure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt,
The God whom earth and heav'n adore,
Be glory, as it was of old,
Is now, and ſhall be evermore.

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57. St. Luke's, or 100th.
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108. Proper, or London new.
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112. St. Mark's, or J. Clarke's.
113. Old 112th.
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